

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

# Office Correspondence

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To Chairman Eccles

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

From Mr. Thurston

It is probably too late to do anything with the members of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments which reported the Reorganization Bill, but I notice that Jack Cochran of Missouri, who has been in the House for twenty years and could have been Chairman of this Committee had he not taken another chairmanship, stated that delay by the Committee in reporting the bill "gave an opportunity to job holders to buttonhole members of Congress to exempt their agencies so they could retain their positions." And added, "If I had my way there would be no exemptions in this bill."

Further on in the same speech, he said, "I today can make the statement that there is not one business man, there is not one banker -- and I say banker because the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation wants to be exempted and has sent a letter to me -- not one who opposes this reorganization plan."

Jack very likely would be a conferee and certainly a good contact when and if we need him.

Your friend Carl Hatch is second on the Judiciary Committee and O'Mahoney is third. Abe Murdock is, of course, a member. It seems to me that it would be well worthwhile telling him frankly what the situation is. If this special exemption for FDIC stays in the measure, I can't help but believe that some of those now apprehensive about FDIC being extinguished would be relieved if they knew in some confidential way that it is proposed to retain its corporate entity and, possibly, if we went back to the interlocking plan with the Board instead of substituting the Board for the present Board of Directors of FDIC.

